(c) the amount of World Bank aid that is expected for the power sector including public and private sector during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Prviate Sector participation in power projects is being encouraged by the Govt. inter-alia, to bridge the resource-gap of proposed capacity addition in the VIII Plan and beyond and not becuase of any conitionalities imposed by the World Bank.

(b) World Bank has given certain suggestions to improve the financial health of the power sector, which include achieving a minimum rate of return by the power utilities, reducing the outstanding dues of the Central Sector Power Utilities to an average of three months' billing and introduction of a rational tariff structure.

(c) A provision of Rs. 1567.50 crores of external assistance has been made in the budget esitmates for the Ministry of Power for 1993-94 which includes the World Bank credit.

Guidelines for Foreign Companies in Power Sector

2630. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foreign investments in power projects in India are being permitted by Government;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines to be followed in this regard by foreign invetsors;

(c) whether Government propose to allow the foreign investors to fix the electricity tariff to be paid by the consumers and whether they will be allowed to take up the distribution of power to the consumers;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what are the reasons for allowing the foreign investors in our projects, while the countries like Malaysia invite our Public Sector Undertakings like BHEL to take up the power project in their countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines to be followed would be as per details which are enunciated under the scheme to encourage greater participation by private companies in the electricity generation, supply and distribuiton field under which upto 100 per cent foreign equity participation can be permitted for projects set up by foreign private investors in the power sector.

(c) and (d) The fixation of tariff for private companies, including foreign private companies, would be as provided for in the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 and Notifications therunder.

(e) The objective of the policy to encourage greater participation by private enterprises in the electricity sector is to tap additionality of resources for the capacity addition programme, both in generation and distribution.

GAS/COAL requirement of Power Statons in Orissa

2631. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the requirement of coal and gas for the power statoins in Orissa;

(b) what is the linage sanctioned against the requirements during the last two years; and